
Introduced by Senator HollingsworthFebruary 14, 2003

An act to amend Section 653o of the Penal Code, relating to animals.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 233, as introduced, Hollingsworth. Animals: importation: alligators, crocodiles, and kangaroos.

Existing law prohibits the importation into this state for commercial purposes, possession with intent to sell, or sale within the state, of the dead body, or any part or product thereof, of specified animals, including alligators, crocodiles, and kangaroos.

This bill would provide that this prohibition no longer applies to alligators, crocodiles, and kangaroos.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 653o of the Penal Code is amended to
2 read:
3 653o. (a) It is unlawful to import into this state for
4 commercial purposes, to possess with intent to sell, or to sell
5 within the state, the dead body, or any part or product thereof, of
6 any ~~alligator, crocodile~~, polar bear, leopard, ocelot, tiger, cheetah,
7 jaguar, sable antelope, wolf (*Canis lupus*), zebra, whale, cobra,
8 python, sea turtle, colobus monkey, ~~kangaroo~~, vicuna, sea otter,
9 free-roaming feral horse, dolphin or porpoise (*Delphinidae*),
10 Spanish lynx, or elephant.



1 Any person who violates any provision of this section is guilty
2 of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not less than one
3 thousand dollars (\$1,000) and not to exceed five thousand dollars
4 (\$5,000) or imprisonment in the county jail for not to exceed six
5 months, or both such fine and imprisonment, for each violation.
6 (b) The prohibitions against importation for commercial
7 purposes, possession with intent to sell, and sale of the species
8 listed in this section are severable. A finding of the invalidity of
9 any one or more prohibitions shall not affect the validity of any
10 remaining prohibitions.

